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West Explosion Update (as of 052313, 1800 CDT):

- Interested Federal and State parties and PRP were working on OSHA's proposed "Evidence and Site Control" Agreement for the purpose of gathering and preserving evidence and allowing access to it.
- PRP Attorney recently declined on behalf of PRP the offer to enter into agreement due to outside 3rd party interests, such as insurance companies and potential plaintiff attorneys concerns
- ATF has had control of the site for their investigative purposes since after the incident
- ATF is preparing to hand over control of the site back to PRP on Friday, May 24
- PRP attorney authorized Crane Engineering (PRP contractor) to accept control and management of site on behalf of PRP
- Crane has submitted a "protocol" on site management and control of access to site
- Crane has already installed fencing and is providing 24/7 security with 4 security guards
- Crane is proposing June 4 or 5 as meeting date for interested parties to enter site to view and take pictures of on-site evidence
- Crane is proposing to preserve evidence and prevent it from being disturbed while allowing access to view evidence to all interested parties
- TCEQ expressed concern on May 21 and May 23 conference calls about ammonium nitrate and rail car on site and wants a time-table as to when both will be addressed by PRP/Crane
- Crane is preparing a work plan that will presumably address TCEQ's concerns
- TCEQ reiterated on May 23 conference call that no environmental site investigation has been conducted as of May 23, 2013
- Either TCEQ or Crane is presumed to perform site investigation at this point

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